



**Keith S. Jones Captain, USN (Ret.)**  
 "Casey"

Date of Designation: 16 February 1962 NA# V18512

Dates of Active Duty: 8 June 1960 - 31 December 1985.

Total Flight Hours: 13,280  
 Military: 6,000 Civil: 7,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: 834

Combat Tours:

Vietnam: USS *Hancock* (CVA19), VA-216 2/65-5/65.  
 USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV63), VA-192 12/70-6/71.  
 USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV63), VA-192 3/72-3/72.

Total Combat Missions: 190

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-153.  
 CO, Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron (Blue Angels).  
 CO, CVW-3 USS *Saratoga* (CV60).  
 CO, USS *Shreveport* (LPD12).

Combat Awards:

1 Distinguished Flying Cross  
 1 Individual Air Medal  
 19 Strike/Flight Air Medals  
 1 Navy Commendation Medal  
 1 Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm and Silver Star

**Duty Assignment Chronology**

6/56-6/60 US Naval Academy.  
 7/60-10/60 US Navy School of Preflight, NAS Pensacola.  
 10/60-12/60 VT-1 NAAS Saufley Field.  
 1/61-6/61 VT-7 NAAS Kingsville.  
 7/61-8/61 VT-4 NAS Pensacola.  
 9/61-12/61 VT-22 NAAS Kingsville.  
 1/62-2/62 VT-23 NAAS Kingsville.



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4/62 VA-127 NAS Lemoore.  
 4/62-9/63 VA-125 NAS Lemoore.  
 10/63-12/65 VA-216 NAS Lemoore/USS *Hancock* (CVA19).  
 1/66-9/67 Naval Post Graduate School (Aeronautical Engineering).  
 10/67-3/70 VA-122 NAS Lemoore.  
 3/70-3/72 VA-192 NAS Lemoore/USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV63).  
 4/72-6/72 VA-122 NAS Lemoore.  
 8/72-1/73 Armed Forces Staff College.  
 3/73 VA-127 NAS Lemoore.  
 3/73-6/73 VA-125 NAS Lemoore.  
 7/73-9/75 VA-153 NAS Lemoore/USS *Oriskany* (CV34).  
 9/75 VA-127 NAS Lemoore.  
 10/75-2/78 NFDS (Blue Angels) NAS Pensacola.  
 2/78-3/78 VT-86 NAS Pensacola.  
 3/78-6/78 VA-174 NAS Cecil Field.  
 7/78-8/78 VF-171 NAS Oceana.  
 8/78-9/78 VS-41 NAS North Island.  
 9/78 VAQ-129 NAS Whidbey Island.  
 9/78-12/79 CVW-3 NAS Cecil Field/USS *Saratoga* (CV60).  
 12/79-5/81 Naval Military Personnel Command, Washington.  
 5/81-1/82 Deep Draft Training.  
 2/82-7/83 USS *Shreveport* (LPD12) Norfolk.  
 7/83-12/85 Commander Naval Air Forces US Pacific Fleet.  
 12/85 Retired from active duty.

**Summary of Significant Career Events**

- (1) Initial Instructor cadre in A-7 RAG.
- (2) Selected for aviation command and served as XO/CO of VA-153 as a Lieutenant Commander (ADM Zumwalt "Bobby Sox Program.").

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### Summary of Significant Career Events continued

- (3) First Naval Academy graduate selected as Commanding Officer/Flight Leader of US Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron (Blue Angels).
- (4) Flew all CVW-3 aircraft as CAG:
  - a. Shipboard: F-4, A-7, S-3, SH-3.
  - b. Shore based: A-6, EA-6, RA-5, E-2.

### **Summary of Significant Post Career Events**

- (1) Soloed at age 16, Private Pilot at age 17, actively flying since then.
- (2) General Manager of Department of Energy Albuquerque based Aviation Contract.
- (3) Certificated FAA Airline Transport Pilot/ATP with two business jet type-ratings, one turboprop transport category type rating and experimental aircraft rating in L-39 Albatross.
- (4) Active commercial pilot/business jet flight instructor.
- (5) Fourth civil pilot to hold type-rating in new category of business jet, Eclipse 500.
- (6) Aerobatic pilot and Upset Recovery Instructor (URT) in L-39 and T-34 aircraft.
- (7) Received FAA Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" Award 01/2011.
- (8) Naval Academy Information Officer (Blue and Gold Officer) twenty-seven years.